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Ref: R8-W-UIC

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Re: FOIA #EPA-R8-2014-004924

Dear Mr. Parsons:

Thank you for copying EPA Region 8 on your appeal of the decision to withhold certain material in the above referenced FOIA. As you know, appeals of FOIA decisions are handled at our Headquarters office. However, in reviewing your appeal letter, Region 8 realized there was a clerical error made in responding to your FOIA and would like to provide a supplemental response that will, in part, address one of the concerns you raised.

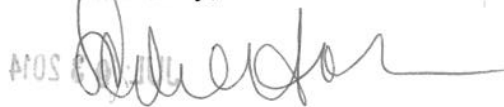
In your letter and attached documents, you pointed out that Region 8 improperly withheld portions of an email document between Ronn Smith, a Powertech consultant, and Region 8 employees, dated Monday, May 20, 2013, 11:52:35AM. Unfortunately, the redacted version of this document was mistakenly sent to you. However, you were also sent the un-redacted copy of this document. The un-redacted copy is entitled UPLOAD C_Users_Lchin_Documents_My Files_FOIA 4924(326). The un-redacted chain of email associated with this interaction with the Powertech consultant can be found in our response at UPLOAD C_Users_Lchin_Documents_My Files_FOIA 4924(323) through (337).

In researching the cause of this issue, Region 8 learned that we had mistakenly copied and sent you some documents from a folder not intended for final release, as it was an earlier version that we had not yet completed final review on. Therefore, we are providing this entire subset of documents to you again, as there were some further refinements such as additional explanations of redactions. The vast majority of these documents are duplicates of what you have already received. However, there are 32 additional documents being provided to you in this supplemental release. These additional documents are all letters of invitation to consult with the EPA on the National Historic Preservation Act.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused you. With regard to the appeal you filed, you should receive a separate response from our Headquarters office.

If you have any further questions related to the agency's response, please contact Lucita Chin at (303) 312-7832.

Sincerely,



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